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RE: *U.S. Patent Application Entitled: HIGH EFFICIENCY mRNA ISOLATION METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS - by Conrad*

Commissioner:

Transmitted herewith for filing is a 42-page patent specification including 60 claims and an abstract. Also included are Figures 1, 2A, and 2B on 2 sheets. The specification and drawings constitute the application of Richard C. Conrad for the captioned invention. Also enclosed is a Nonpublication Request Under 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i).

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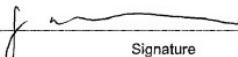
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